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Minutes for the Senate Executive Committee

Date and Time: December 13, 2023, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Presiding: Ernest Ialongo, Chair of Senate

Present: Vice-Chair of Senate, Hector Soto; SEC Senators Christine Hutchins; Ansumana Jammeh; Jewel Jones; Diana Macri; Dainma Martinez; Alexandra Milsom; Tram Nguyen.

Excused Absence: 0

Unexcused Absence: 0

Minutes Prepared by: Christine Hutchins

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| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Call to Order | Chair Professor Ialongo called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Acceptance of Agenda | Motion to accept SEC Agenda | Accepted with minor corrections |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of Minutes  SEC Minutes  November 8, 2023, meeting  Senate Minutes  November 16, 2023, meeting |  | Accepted as pre-circulated  Accepted with minor corrections |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Chair’s Report | Chair Professor Ialongo shared updates:  – Hostos will be over the Spring semester transitioning its LMS Blackboard to Brightspace  Access Brightspace Resources using this link:  <https://brightspace.cuny.edu/>.  A dedicated [Brightspace Hub (link)](https://commons.hostos.cuny.edu/edtech/lms/) is in development and will contain training opportunities, tips, and other resources to help faculty and students become comfortable with and utilize our new LMS to its fullest.  – CUNY is developing plans for a Transfer Initiative, <https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/2022/12/08/transfer-initiatives/>  – Hostos faculty and staff have created A.I. use statements that can be tailored so as to fit needs of specific courses and disciplines  University Faculty Senate passed an 2022 update to its Policy on Academic Integrity, <https://www1.cuny.edu/sites/cunyufs/2023/06/08/ufs-passes-academic-integrity-update-for-artificial-intelligence/>  The 2022 update to the policy is available at, <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/legal-affairs/policies-resources/academic-integrity-policy/>  – There is need for wider dissemination of CUNY Cares information among faculty, staff, and students, <https://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/transformation/cuny-cares/> |  |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Curricular Items | LIN 105 Language and Power – Pathways Submission; Professor Gail August (Linguistics) presenting  BIO 299 Independent Studies in Biology and CHE 299 Independent Studies in Chemistry – Course Changes; Professor Anna Ivanova (Liberal Arts A.S. Degree Program) presenting  Liberal Arts A.S. Degree – Program Change; Professor Anna Ivanova (Liberal Arts A.S. Degree Program) presenting  Informational Items:  Articulation with School of Professional Studies (SPS) for A.A. degree in Liberal Arts, Psychology option  Articulation with School of Professional Studies (SPS) for A.A. degree in Liberal Arts, Psychology - Research option  Professor Ernest Ialongo (Behavioral and Social Sciences) presenting | Unanimous approval |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| Approval of November 16, 2023, Senate agenda |  | Unanimous approval |
| **TOPIC** | **DISCUSSION** | **DECISION / ACTION** |
| New Business & Announcements | In the Spring semester, Hostos Senate will consider whether to move the meeting dates for the May and December Senate meetings from the third to the second Thursday of those months, so as to accommodate final exam schedules |  |
| Adjournment | 4:53 pm |  |